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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/584,416	Applicant(s) AOKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Thomas N. Moulis	Art Unit 3747	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by De Mathaeis US 2002/0034448. The reference discloses a fuel supply device comprising a pump 20 which supplies a supply fuel under pressure and a fuel pressure control valve 31 which is provided on a fuel outlet side of the pump for controlling a fuel supply pressure from the pump to a predetermined pressure, wherein the fuel supply device further includes a fuel takeout valve 23 which has a valve opening pressure smaller than a valve opening pressure of the fuel pressure control valve for obtaining fuel for lubrication on the fuel outlet side, and a back pressure of a valve piston of at least the fuel pressure control valve is maintained at a fuel-low-pressure-side pressure of the pump. See Figures 1 and 2. Lubrication is supplied via conduits 13. Note piston 37 and ports 44.

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3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Breeden US 6755625. The reference discloses a fuel supply device comprising a pump which supplies a supply fuel under pressure and a fuel pressure control valve which is provided on a fuel outlet side of the pump for controlling a fuel supply pressure from the pump to a predetermined pressure, wherein the fuel supply device further includes a fuel takeout valve which has a valve opening pressure smaller than a valve opening pressure of the fuel pressure control valve for obtaining fuel for lubrication on the fuel outlet side, and a back pressure of a valve piston of at least the fuel pressure control valve is maintained at a fuel-low-pressure-side pressure of the pump.

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See the cited documents showing fuel pumps having control valves with similar features to Applicant's device, i.e. fuel pumps have control valves with lubrication ports.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas N. Moulis whose telephone number is 571 272 4852. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen K. Cronin can be reached on 571 272-4536. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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